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THE DAILY PRESS.

HONGKONG, JUNE 7th, 1872.

Not long ago it was the duty of journalists in China, in making up their summaries for the mail, to chronicle a bi-weekly mail out with as much regularity as the inflexible printer of the Spectator winds up his weekly news with the dry statement of the price at which Consols have closed.

Of late, fortunately, we have been relieved of this necessity, and there really seemed to be reason to hope that riots in China had, so far, worked themselves out for the time being.

We regret, therefore, to notice that these unpleasant incidents are recurring. By last mail we had given an account of the ill-treatment of Mr. Barnes at Ningbo, and by the present mail we have to report another of those unlucky risings in connection with Missionary establishments, which have become so familiar to late years.

A number of children were being conveyed in boat from Yangchow to an orphanage at Tientsin, and a very being raised of kidnapping, a riot ensued, the boatmen being seized, and the children taken to what are called native orphanages. The Chinese local Magistrate apparently did the best he could to quell the riot, but to best a rioter is like trying to stop a runaway horse.

This riot, of which the details are given further on, appears to have been in quite correct order, and so far as it has gone, no particular complaint can be made. The explanations will probably be much the same as usual, and we shall be compelled to accept the painful fact that such disturbances are in the nature of things in China, and that we must expect them if we wish to further Missionary or other enterprise of the like character.

The masses in China are not so much brought to believe that there is not some object of gain or personal advantage sought by the Missionaries, and it would seem almost hopeless to look for their ever fully recognising the nature of Missionary enterprise, and more particularly of one of its best features, namely, the orphanages for the unhappy children who would, but for the aid thus extended to them, either die miserably or be sold as slaves.

There is an awkward feature about the account given of this affair, which is correct as far as it goes, but which is a very unfortunate idea among the Chinese in connection with it. It is stated that the children have been placed in some Chinese orphanages; and the danger may be that in these establishments exactly that will be done which was charged against the Catholic Asylum; that is, some of the children may be sold after the well-known fashion in China. That such a practice is not uncommon in these establishments seems probable from the readiness with which the accusation was made against the Catholic Asylums, and the rapidity with which it was believed by the masses; and it is also to be noticed that a scheme for collecting children for sale is one by no means unlikely to occur in China. It is so difficult to arrive at facts in this unfortunate country of shams, that we are forced often to draw conclusions from analogy, and the above idea may be unfounded; but there is at least sufficient ground to give it considerable plausibility, and if the facts should be either as supposed, or something like it, there can be little question that the incident will tend to saddle the reputation of foreigners with one more of the delinquencies common among the depraved in China. Where these riots stop short of actual injury this is the species of harm which they produce. Each one causes an addition to the prejudice and ill-feeling against foreigners, and tends directly to increase our difficulty in coming to anything like a good understanding with the people. So far as we can judge from the somewhat meagre account given, the present affair seems likely to be satisfactorily settled, but it will none the less be a subject for considerable regret.

At 5 p.m., yesterday an inspection of the fire engines and a drill of the Fire Brigade took place on the Praya between the Harbor Master's Office and the Canton Wharf. The engines were there, and the Fire Brigade, with their engines, two hand engines, two small hand engines, one of which belongs to the pavilion, and the other to the dry dock stores, and also another Chinese fire engine, were there. All worked admirably, and the best to empty the sea at the Harbour Master's wharf and endeavouring filling in again near the Canton Wharf—except boat-discharging at the spot coming in for a share of it, discharging less than fifteen streams pouring into the sea, but with all their efforts they did not succeed in filling up the harbour. However, they created some little surprise on board the Pacific Mail boat, as all the boats were working whether the harbour was not on fire.

There were present the Honorable Charles May, M. S. Tompkins, Esq., and F. Stewart, Esq., commanding the manœuvres. It was low water at the time, but the boats were working admirably, and in case of a failure, Mr. Rose was on the alert to turn on a fresh supply. Two discharge hoses belonging to one of the brigade hand engines burst directly were they set to work, showing they were old and dry.

A home telegram will be ready for delivery to Subscribers at 4 p.m. to-day.

Now ready.

We gave on the fourth page the first portion of a very interesting description of Mr. O'Connell's journey from Peking to Hankow overland. Housebreaking is again coming into practice. Mr. O'Connell's house was broken into and robbed of property of considerable value last night. People will do well to be on the alert.

We have received a copy of the "Spatone Nouvelle de la langue Chinoise," the work issued some time ago by Stanislas Julien, the celebrated French sinologist, and which can be obtained from Messrs. Yauher & Co. It will prove invaluable to Students of Chinese. This admirable explanation of the force of various idiomatic particles, which forms the second portion of the first book, will alone be of the greatest service to all who wish to attain some degree of fluency in the Chinese language.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

LONDON, 3rd June, 1872.

In the Debate upon England's Colonial relations, Mr. Knatchbull-Hugeson, on behalf of the Government, repudiated the idea of separation, and declared that it was the duty of the Government to defend Canada to the very utmost.

The Cabinet has discussed the last communication from America. No solution (sic). It is hoped that America will notify her withdrawal of the claims by the Chinese.

LONDON, 4th June.

In the House of Commons last evening, Mr. Gladstone explained that President Grant objects to formally withdraw the indirect claims, but is willing to do so on the condition that the law of Congress should fully preclude the prosecution of such claims in the present negotiations, and relate to the actual extent of future obligations.

Various speakers urged a more decided attitude, and insisted on the absolute withdrawal of the claims.

Hongkong, 5th June.

COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE HON. T. C. HAYLAK.

WANGSPOON, O. J. SMITH, 1831, 3A.

The Court was opened at 10.30 a.m. by the Hon. Judge, who said that the claim was for balance of wages due to the plaintiff from the Captain of the steamer "Una," and for damages for breach of contract.

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Mr. Breton said the vessel would go home from Singapore, and there was a mere possibility that she would have to go to Ayer or Bangkok to complete loading. If so, it would be a long time before she could return to Hongkong.

Mr. Thomas said he was sure the man would not agree to go to Ayer. He stated that the difference of time would be much greater than five days. His Honor had already decided that the vessel should not go to Ayer, and he would not change his mind.

Well, they would go in the sailing vessel round the Cape or any way so as to go straight home, but Mr. Breton was asking them to go on a new voyage, on which they were only chartered as far as Singapore, and then to go to Borneo, without anything like a distinct undertaking that they would go straight home.

Mr. Breton said, "Well, we'll be going home in a few days, and we'll be direct, and not diverge. The ship will sail on Monday, and call only at the usual ports."

His Honor thought that a very satisfactory arrangement. He had better enter into fresh arrangements with the vessel, and he would do so.

Mr. Thomas asked that in case this was not done his Honor would give judgment. He had no doubt that Mr. Breton would do everything in his power to perfect the engagement, and his Honor would give judgment accordingly.

His Honor intimated that he had not forgotten that case.

Mr. Breton said he was sure the Captain would do everything that was right in the matter.

His Honor said the parties now knew what the judgment was, and he would sign the record accordingly. He would also give authority for the compensation for loss of time.

Mr. Thomas subsequently mentioned that as part of the compromise he thought the Captain ought to see all the men free of his costs.

Mr. Breton said he would do so, and he would also see that the men were paid for their loss of time.

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